

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the final fiscal year 2019 appropriations bill includes \$10 million for the Large Millimeter Telescope (LMT) project. Olver was instrumental in securing the funding in the final version of the bill. The full \$10 million will be used to support the LMT project.

"The Large Millimeter Telescope (LMT) project will be capable of vastly extending our knowledge of the universe," Olver said. "I am proud to support this project and the scientists who are working on it."

UMass Amherst Chancellor John V. Lombardi said: "We're extremely grateful for the leadership of Congressman Olver in securing this funding. This support is a testament to the importance of the LMT project and the collaboration between UMass Amherst and Mexico's National Institute of Astrophysics (INAOE)."

"The ability to deliver on the science and the support for this extraordinary scientific collaboration is a testament to the leadership of Congressman Olver and the support of the U.S. Congress," Lombardi said.

The \$90-million LMT project is a cooperative effort between UMass Amherst and Mexico's National Institute of Astrophysics (INAOE). The telescope is located on Cerro La Negra, a mountain in central Mexico.

"This telescope will dramatically improve our understanding of the birth of stars as well as shed light on the structure of the universe," Lombardi said.

Construction of the LMT is currently underway on the peak of Cerro La Negra, a mountain in central Mexico.

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